



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, J.R. "Jack" Simplot launched into his career in the agribusiness industry at the age of 14 near the small farming community of Declo; and

WHEREAS, Jack poured seemingly boundless energy into many endeavors and by the early years of World War II, he had become the largest shipper of fresh potatoes in the country and was selling millions of pounds of dehydrated onions and potatoes to the military; and

WHEREAS, the J.R. Simplot Company is now one of the nation's largest privately held agribusiness companies, with annual sales of more than \$3 billion, derived principally from food processing, fertilizer manufacturing, and enterprises related to agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the J.R. Simplot Company has been an outstanding corporate citizen and excellent neighbor by supporting community needs, education, youth and the arts through direct contributions, scholarships, and personal involvement; and

WHEREAS, Jack has been honored by the World Potato Congress and the Idaho Potato Hall of Fame for his contributions to the industry, and has been recognized by numerous organizations for his achievements in business and financial support of education, the performing arts, and many communities; and

WHEREAS, as Idahoans, we are appreciative of the contributions J.R. "Jack" Simplot, his wife Esther, his family and his company have made to the great State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we gather here tonight to celebrate one of Idaho's greatest citizens on his 95th birthday;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim January 4, 2004, to be

J.R. "JACK" SIMPLOT DAY

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this fourth day of January in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Ysursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE